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Local and Global Perspectives

Somali Studies in the 21st Century

10th Triennial SSIA Conference

August 16 – 18th 2007
The Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio, USA

Conference Program

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Somali Studies International Association

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Welcome to the Somali Studies International Congress 30 Years Anniversary August 15-18, 2007

Dear Congress Participant:

Welcome to the Somali Studies International Congress in what is a truly historic year for Somali scholarship and the premiere association created for that purpose. We are pleased to welcome you to the city of Columbus and the campus of the Ohio State University, and **we are looking forward to four days of fellowship and scholarship.**

The 10th Triennial International Somali Congress will explore the reasons why the intersection between an endless political crisis and an unprecedented massive global dispersion, buttressed by high speed Internet and affordable communication, has made Somalia a very different society than it was just a decade ago. The social transformations that resulted from these forces have challenged the traditional Somali ways in which individual, group, political, and social identities have been historically understood.

One important challenge facing Somali Studies investigators and practitioners is **how to critically propose new ways of understanding the social and economic impacts of globalization on Somali communities** and, more important, **how to describe and analyze the link between Somali Diasporas in Australia, Europe, and North America and those in homeland.** Some of the critical issues that need immediate attention include analysis of the social and structural barriers that Somali immigrants face as they attempt to assimilate and integrate into the social and economic fabric of their host communities.

By focusing on these challenges, opportunities, and their implications, **Somali Studies can suggest appropriate methodological and epistemological frameworks for critically understanding the link between transnational Somali communities and their politically contested homeland.** It is an especially opportune time for scholars of Somali societies as well as practitioners to reflect on these transformations and ask new questions with contemporary political relevance and policy implications. It is fitting that we will explore these topics in Columbus, a city that is home to the second largest Somali community settlement in the United States and also is a state, regional, and continental center for government, education, and private industry.

For the 10th Triennial Conference, we have invited social scientists, policy makers, community leaders, and social activists to **offer fresh perspectives about how Somali communities both in the homeland and in the Diaspora are coping with the social dynamics of the twenty-first century.** We welcomed papers that use diverse approaches and viewpoints as our guiding principle is to foster wide ranging discussions. "Somali Studies in the 21st Century: Local and Global Perspectives" is the theme of the conference, but not all papers or presentations will focus on this overall theme. Papers reflecting a variety of sub-themes that explore issues pertinent to any aspect of Somali life both in the homeland and in the Diaspora were welcomed.

We are pleased to welcome to the Congress several **distinguished scholars who will lead plenary sessions: Dr. Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for Africa; Mayor Michael Coleman, City of Columbus; Hussein Adam, College of the Holy Cross and SSIA Founding Father; Lee Cassanelli, University of Pennsylvania and SSIA Founding Member.** In addition, we have a full line-up of session panelists who bring an unparalleled wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field of Somali Studies.

Our **host institutions, the Center for African Studies at the Ohio State University and the Institute for the African Child of Ohio University,** are internationally renowned educational institutions with state of the art research facilities that will benefit visiting scholars, researchers, and students. The staff and students of both institutions will contribute to and benefit from the wide array of conference sessions and programs. We would like to thank them for their support and assistance arranging this conference and **extend our gratitude to everyone who has made this event possible.**

Again, welcome to Columbus and the SSIA's 10th Triennial Conference!

Sincerely,

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Welcome to The Ohio State University!

The Office of International Affairs at Ohio State is pleased to welcome you to our campus for the 10th Triennial International Somali Congress. The conference promises to provide you with insight into the critical issues facing Somalis in the Horn of Africa as well as in emerging Somali communities throughout the world. We also recognize and appreciate keynote speakers, Jendayi E. Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, and Mohamed Ibrahim Warsame, distinguished Somali poet, playwright and peace activist, for bringing their expertise to Columbus, and sharing their perspectives on the economic and social challenges faced by the Somalis in their homeland and in their new host communities.

Our Center for African Studies within the Office of International Affairs is dedicated to advancing knowledge and awareness about international cultures and world regions. Its assistance in coordinating and hosting this event, along with the Institute for the African Child of Ohio University, and many other contributors, is a clear indication of Ohio State's commitment to facilitate global, educational opportunities for individuals both on and off our campus.

The International Somali Congress will be a learning experience for everyone. There is a host of distinguished scholars, leaders in business and government as well as social and human service professionals, who will lead you through a series of break-out sessions over the next few days. Hopefully, you will participate in the discussions, seek and find answers to your questions, gain new perspectives and identify solutions that will move us forward in a positive and meaningful way to better understand and assist the Somali community.

To those of you who helped support and organize this important educational opportunity, please accept our sincerest appreciation. Thank you for joining us at Ohio State, and we hope you enjoy your stay in Columbus.

Sincerely,

Dieter Wanner, Ph.D.

Interim Associate Provost
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The Ohio State University

AGENDA

Wednesday August 15, 2007*

4:00 PM—6:00 PM	Registration	Hale Cultural Center
6:00 PM—8:00 PM	Welcome Dinner Plenary Session: I	Hale Cultural Center

Thursday August 16, 2007*

8:00 AM—9:00 AM	Registration	Fawcett Center
9:00 AM—10:00 AM	Plenary Session: II	Fawcett Center
10:15 AM—Noon	Welcome & Plenary Session: II, cont.	Fawcett Center
Noon—1:30 PM	Lunch and Prayer	Fawcett Center
1:30 PM—4:30 PM	Plenary Session: III	Fawcett Center
6:00 PM—9:00 PM	Dinner & Entertainment	RPAC**

Friday August 17, 2007*

8:00 AM—9:00 AM	Registration	Hale Cultural Center
9:00 AM—10:30 AM	Plenary Session: IV	Hagerty Hall, room 180
9:00 AM—10:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions: A	See program
10:45 AM—12:15 PM	Concurrent Sessions: B	See program
12:15 PM—2:00 PM	Lunch	RPAC**
1:30 PM—2:00 PM	Congregational Prayer	RPAC**
2:00 PM—3:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions: C	See program
3:45 PM—5:15 PM	Concurrent Sessions: D	See program
Evening	Dinner on your own: <i>Explore Columbus</i>	
7:00 PM—9:30 PM	Private Dinner Event	University Plaza Hotel

Saturday, August 18, 2007*

8:00 AM—9:00 AM	Registration	Hale Cultural Center
9:00 AM—10:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions: E	See program
10:45 AM—12:15 PM	Concurrent Sessions: F	See program
12:15 PM—2:00 PM	Lunch and Prayer	RPAC**
2:00 PM—3:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions: G	See program
3:45 PM—5:15 PM	Plenary Session: V	Hagerty Hall, room 180
5:30 PM—6:00 PM	Business Meeting and Closing	

* Vendor tables and cultural exhibits will be open in the Hale Cultural Center throughout the conference

** Recreation & Physical Activity Center

PLENARY & SPECIAL SESSIONS

Wednesday, August 15, 2007 • 6:00 PM

Welcome Dinner • Hale Cultural Center

Welcoming Remarks and Poetry Readings

We regret that Mohamed Ibrahim Warsame (Hadrawi) is not able to attend due to a family emergency. His visit will be rescheduled for later in the year.

Thursday, August 16, 2007 • 9:00 AM

Fawcett Center

Welcoming Remarks from representatives of

The Ohio State University

Somali Studies International Association

Dr. David Kraybill , Director, Center for African Studies

Dr. Abdinur Mohamed , SSIA Conference Chair

Dr. Joseph A. Alutto, Ohio State University Interim President

Welcoming Remarks

Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City of Columbus



Now in his second term as Mayor, Michael B. Coleman is focused on clear priorities and getting results in his effort to build Columbus as America's 21st Century City. Mayor Michael B. Coleman took office on January 1, 2000. Prior to becoming mayor, Coleman served as President of Columbus City Council and as a Council member. Michael Coleman graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Political Science. He earned his law degree from the University of Dayton Law School. In addition to his record of public service and plans for Columbus' future, Mayor Coleman is married to Frankie Coleman, and they have three children, Kimberly, Justin, and John-David. He and his family live on Columbus' east side.

PLENARY & SPECIAL SESSIONS



Thursday, August 16, 2007 • 10:15 AM

US Foreign Policy toward the Horn of Africa

Jendayi E. Frazer, US Department of State



Jendayi E. Frazer was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs on August 29, 2005. Prior to her current assignment, Dr. Frazer served as U.S. Ambassador to South Africa. Immediately before her ambassadorship, Dr. Frazer served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director of African Affairs at the National Security Council.

Prior to joining the George W. Bush Administration, Dr. Frazer taught public policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Dr. Frazer brought practical experience to that position, having worked as a political-military planner with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as Director for African Affairs at the National Security Council, during her time as a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow.

Dr. Frazer earned her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees at Stanford University. Her doctoral dissertation examined Kenya's civilian-military relationship. Security issues remain of interest to Dr. Frazer, who regularly speaks to military audiences and about military-related issues in Africa.

Welcoming Remarks

Ted Strickland, Governor of the State of Ohio



Ted Strickland was elected governor of Ohio on November 7, 2006, and was sworn into office on January 8, 2007. "I come to the Governor's Office ready to put his heart and soul into fighting for the dignity of families and all people in Ohio." As governor, Ted is guided by his Turnaround Ohio plan, which focuses on the unbreakable link between economic growth and educational achievement. Ted wants to ensure that Ohio keeps and grows the jobs we have by investing in Ohio's strengths, and also wants to bring the jobs of the future to our state by ensuring that we have the best-educated workforce possible.

In Congress, Ted built an impressive record on behalf of the people of Ohio. He helped author the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), a federal initiative that now provides health insurance to millions of children of working parents. He's led the fight to keep our promises to America's veterans and to ensure that our troops have life-saving armor and equipment. And he's brought millions in investments home to Ohio for roads, technology, economic development and health initiatives.

Professionally, Ted has served as a minister, a psychologist, and a college professor. He was an administrator at a Methodist children's home, an assistant professor of psychology at Shawnee State University, and a consulting psychologist at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility (SOCF).

PLENARY & SPECIAL SESSIONS



Thursday, August 16, 2007 • 1:30 PM

The Ethiopian Occupation and the American Foreign Policy toward Somalia: Meditations on Dr. Frazer's Remarks

Fawcett Center

Said Sh. Samatar, Rutgers University, Chair

Lee Cassanelli, University of Pennsylvania

Mohamed H. Mukhtar, Savannah State University

Abdulkadir Aden Abdulle, Independent Scholar

Ahmed I. Samatar, Macalester College



Friday, August 17, 2007 • 9:00 AM

Hagerty Hall, Room 180

Community Development & Teachers Workshop Plenary

Senator C.J. Prentiss, Governor's Special Representative for Closing the Achievement Gap

Ron Munia, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Department of Health and Human Services

Professor Omar A. Eno, National Somali Bantu Project, Portland State University

The Making of a Modern Diaspora: From Kakuma to the Land of Opportunity

PLENARY & SPECIAL SESSIONS

V

Saturday, August 18, 2007 • 3:45 PM

Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Somali Studies International Association

Hagerty Hall, Room 180

Charles Gesheker, University of California, Chair

John Johnson, Indiana University

Hussein Adam, College of the Holy Cross

Lee Cassanelli, University of Pennsylvania

Said Sh. Samatar, Rutgers University

Special Dinner Event

Friday, August 17, 2007 • 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Honoring Professor Hussein M. Adam

University Plaza Hotel



This special event is an opportunity to honor Professor Hussein M. Adam, founding father of the Somali Studies International Association. This dinner is open to invited guests only. Please contact Professor Said Sh. Samatar at samatar@andromeda.rutgers.edu for more information.

Exhibits

Wednesday, August 15, 2007-Saturday, August 18, 2007

Hale Cultural Center

Somali Diaspora Films and Showcase

Abdisalan Aato

Somali Arts and Crafts

Mohamud Mohamed Diriye (Dirios)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A

Friday, August 17, 2007 · 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

A-1: *Environmental Degradation in Somalia I*

Hale Cultural Center, Multipurpose Room

Ali S. Faqi, Chair: *An Urgent Need for Environmental Protection Policy*

Abdulkadir Abu: *Environmental Degradation in Somalia*

Abdukadir A. Abdi, Columbus Public Health: *Toxic Waste Dumping and Its Impact on the Environment*

A-2: *Colonialism and its Impact on the Somali Nation-State*

Page Hall, Room 60

Abdullahi A. Osman, University of Georgia, Chair

Ahmed Mohammed: *Colonialism and its Impact on the Somali Nation-State*

Abdullahi Mohamed Nur: *Corruption and its Impact on Good Governance*

A-3: *Somali Language, Literature, Culture, Film and Arts*

Mendenhall Lab, Room 175

Charles Gesheker, University of California, Chair

Abdirachid Ismail Mohamed, University of Djibouti: *'Araweelo: When an Abyssinian Queen dominates Horn of Africa
Teen Century Before...*

Abdullahi Abdinoor, Ohio State University: *Teaching the Somali Language and Culture through Technology*

Mohamed Sh. Hassan: *The Emergence of Somali Publishing Industry in the Diaspora*

Farah M. Mohamed: *Understanding Somali History on Somali Perspective*

A-4: *The Experience of Somalis within the Horn of Africa*

Enarson Hall, Room 212

Hassan O. Mahadallah, Southern University, Chair

Sahro M. Ahmed: *The Experience of Somalis within the Horn of Africa*

Omar Abdurahman: *Emergence and Establishment of Bardera Community (1776) in the Interior of Somalia: a Coherent
Narrative from the Past to the Present*

Sadiq A. Abdurahman and Mohamed W. Abbas: *People's Evidences for their Historical and Legal Rights to Self-
Determination*

Yasmin Hamud: *The Role of Youth in Somali Culture*

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

B

Friday, August 17, 2007 · 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

B-1: Teacher Workshop: *Teaching Somali Bantu Children: Challenges and Resources*
Hale Cultural Center, MLK Lounge

Omar A. Eno, Director, National Somali Bantu Project, Portland State University

B-2: Community Development: *Refugee Education, Cultural Barriers and Social Integration I*
Hagerty Hall, Room 180

Steve Howard, Ohio University, Chair

Mohamed Sambul: *Youth, Discipline and Privately Run Charter Schools*

Gunnel Mohme: *Swedish Independent Schools with a Muslim Profile – Taking the Somali Child's Perspective*

Jamal Adam, Minneapolis College: *Providing Counseling and Advising to Immigrant and Refugee College Students: Issues and Intervention Strategies*

Fartun Mohamud and Hindia Mohamoud: *Refugee Education, Cultural Barriers and Social Integration*

B-3: Community Development: *Ohio Refugee and Immigrant Education*
Page Hall, Room 60

Angela Sangeorge, Ohio Department of Education, Chair

Brenda Custodio, Columbus Public Schools: *Challenges Facing Schools and Parents in Meeting the Needs of Somali and other Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students*

Abdulkadir Mohamed Aden (Xiito), Somali Education Center, Minnesota: *Immigrant and Somali Community Involvement in Education*

Tammy Mott, Ohio State University: *Coming to America: Resettlement and Adaptation*

Dan Fleck, Ohio Department of Education: *Closing the Achievement Gap of Somali and other Limited English Proficient Students*

B-4: Community Development: *Franklin County Refugee Scholarship in Memory of Professor Nur Abdi Hussen*
Mendenhall Lab, Room 175

Steve Walker, Ohio State Refugee Administrator, Chair

Jane Whyde, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services

Angela Plummer, Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS)

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

B **Continued** Friday, August 17, 2007 · 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

B-5: Community Development: *The Somali Diaspora, Transnational Remittance, Business and Commerce*
Mendenhall Lab, Room 115

Ladan Affi, University of Wisconsin, Chair

Ismail Ahmed, UNDP: *The Impact of New Regulations on Somali Remittances*

Charlotte Melander: *The Transnational Somali Family System and Its Impact on the Exchange of Social Support in the Everyday Life of Somali Swedes*

Inna Kinney: *Business Development in the Diaspora: ECDI*

Abdighani Abdi Jama: Somali Telecom Association: *Telecommunication Policy-Making Process: Lessons for Somalia*

B-6: *Welfare of Somali Children*
Hale Cultural Center, Multipurpose Room

Laura Gardner, Bridging Refugee Youth & Children's Services, Chair: *The Welfare of Somali Children: Parenting in a New Context*

Buraqo Jama, Community Refugee and Immigration Services: *Strengths of Somali Families in the America*

Diana Sierra, Community Refugee and Immigration Services: *Collaborating with Local Children's Services*

Ayan Hassan, City Attorney's Office: *Domestic Violence and Effects on Children*

Nadia Kasvin, US Together: *Orienting Somali Families to the Child Welfare and Education Systems*

B-7: *Environmental Degradation in Somalia II*
Enarson Hall, Room 201

Hodan S. Isse, University of Buffalo, Chair

Zainab M. Hassan, University of Minnesota: *Seeking Environmental Justice: Hazardous Waste Dumping in Somalia*

Barlin Ali: *International Disaster Relief and Implications for Somalia*

B-8: *Dhaqanka, Suugaaanta iyo Af-Soomaaliga*
Orton Hall, Room 110

Georgi Kapchits, Independent Scholar, Chair

Mohamed Abdi Mohamed (Gaandi), Independent Scholar: *Raage Ugaas, Gabayadiisa iyo Noloshiisa*

Abdirahman Farah, Laaxinjire: *Qorme Kumbuyuutar oo kuu Saxaya Maansada*

Anwar Mohamed Diiriye: *Xikmadda Magacyada Soomaalida iyo Caqabadaha ku Xeeran*

Said Salah Ahmed: *Dhimaalka Af Soomaaliga Af Soomaaliga*

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

C

Friday, August 17, 2007 · 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

C-1: Teacher Workshop: Culturally Relevant Strategies and Classroom Materials for Effective Instruction of Somali School Children and Children with Interrupted Educational Background

Hale Cultural Center, MLK Lounge

Brenda Custodio, Columbus Public Schools

Mary Donovan, Columbus Public Schools

C-2: Community Development: Refugee Education, Cultural Barriers and Social Integration II

Hagerty Hall, Room 180

Hodan S. Isse, University of Buffalo, Chair

Hindia Mohamoud: *Diversity and Exclusion in Canada's National Capital: A Case Study of Ottawa's Somali Canadian Community*

Jamal Adam, Minneapolis College: *Acculturation of Somali Youth Immigrants in the Twin Cities*

Nahla al-Huraibi, Ohio State University: *Gender and the Transnational Social Behavior Among Muslim Somali Families in Columbus, Ohio*

Mohamed H. Moalim: *The Somali Diaspora and the Role of Education*

C-3: Community Development: Somali Immigrants and Refugees in Ohio: Trends, Challenges and Services

Page Hall, Room 60

Dan Fleck, Ohio Department of Education, Chair

Steve Walker, Ohio State Refugee Administrator: *State of Ohio's Refugee and Immigrant Populations*

Lillian Acker, Gahanna Public Schools: *Refugee and Immigrant Education: How are they adjusting to US schools?*

Jane Whyde, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services: *Social Service Needs of Somali Immigrants and Refugees*

C-4: Community Development: Somali Community and Capacity Building

Mendenhall Lab, Room 175

Omar A. Eno, National Somali Bantu Project, Portland State University, Chair

Yusuf Sheikh Omar: *Integration Experiences Based on Youth Perspectives: a Comparison Study between Somali Youth in Melbourne, Australia, and Minneapolis, USA*

Rahma Abdulkadir, University of Texas at Dallas: *Undocumented Convention Refugees in Canada: The Implications of and Rationale behind Canada's Identity Document Requirement from Convention Refugees within its Borders*

Mohamed Harakow Mohamed: *Community Mobilization and Empowerment*

Zainab M. Hassan, Minneapolis Foundation: *The Impact of the Somali Civil War on the Somali Community in Minnesota*

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

C continued

Friday, August 17, 2007 · 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

C-5: Community Development: *The Formation of Somali Education Association: A Professional Voice for Somali Educators in the Diaspora*

Mendenhall Lab, Room 115

Mohamed Nuh Ali, Carleton University, Chair

Abdirahman Sh. Isse, Toronto District School Board

Abdulkadir Mohamed Aden (Xiito), Executive Director, Somali Education Center, Minnesota

Mohamud Mohamed Diriye, Columbus Public Schools, Ohio

Abukar Dahir Osman, International Academies of Ohio

C-6: *U.S. Foreign Policy and the Politics of War on Terror in the Horn of Africa*

Enarson Hall, Room 201

Yusuf Ahmed Nur, SUNY Brockport, Chair

Sadiq A. Abdirahman: *Advancing Democracy or War: The US Foreign Policy toward the Horn of Africa*

Ibrahim Mohamed: *Interpreting U.S. Foreign Policy Objectives within the Context of the Recent Joint US-Ethiopian Intervention*

Mahasin A. G. H. El-Safi: *The Impact of Disintegration of the Somali State on Sudan's National Security*

C-7: *Post Conflict Reconstruction and the Role of Information and Communication Technologies: An Examination of Best Practices and Case Studies in Africa*

Enarson Hall, Room 212

Afyare Elmi, University of Edmonton, Chair

Hala-Asmina Ibrahim and Musonda Kapatamoyo, Ohio University: *Post-conflict Reconstruction and the Role of Information and Communication Technologies: An Examination of Best Practices and Case Studies in Africa*

Mohamud Musse: *The Role of Somali Media in Conflict and Reconciliation*

Abas Ali Farah: *Somali Morphology*

C-8: *Human Rights Issues in Somalia*

Orton Hall, Room 110

Lee Cassanelli, University of Pennsylvania, Chair

Omar Alasow: *Violations of the Rules Applicable to the Conflict on Somali Political Settlement: Agenda and Strategies for Action*

Lynn Fredrickson, Amnesty International, USA

Martin Gonzglass, Independent Legal Scholar

Bereket Habte Selassie, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

D

Friday, August 17, 2007 · 3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

D-1: Teacher Workshop: *Culturally Relevant Strategies and Classroom Materials for Effective Instruction of Somali School Children and Children with Interrupted Educational Background (continued)*

Hale Cultural Center, MLK Lounge

Brenda Custodio, Columbus Public Schools

Mary Donovan, Columbus Public Schools

D-2: *Community Development Workshop*

Hagerty Hall, Room 180

Angela Plummer, Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS)

Jane Whyde, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services

Omar A. Eno, National Somali Bantu Project, Portland State University

Laura Gardner, Bridging Refugee Youth & Children's Services: *Involving Refugee Parents in their Children's Education*

D-3: Community Development: *Community Based Organizations and Capacity in the Diaspora*

Page Hall, Room 60

Zainab M. Hassan, University of Minnesota, Chair

Todd Packer, CBI: *Capacity Building Initiative*

Abdi Abdullahi Hashised: *Community Development and the Canadian Experience*

Abdikarim Gole, Economic and Community Development Institute: *Somali Community Businesses Development and Financial Incentives*

D-4: Community Development: *The Social Consequence of Public Assistance in the Diaspora and Foreign Aid in Somalia*

Mendenhall Lab, Room 175

Fatuma Hashi, World Vision, Chair

Hodan S. Isse, University of Buffalo: *The Empirical Analysis of Why Foreign Aid Failed to Increase the Well Being of Aid Recipient Countries*

Abukar Dahir Osman: *The Effects of Public Assistance: Is it Helping or Hurting the Somali Community in North America?*

Hassan Omar: *Somali Community Association of Ohio*

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

D **Continued** Friday, August 17, 2007 · 3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

D-5: Somali Ethnic Minorities: Their History, Culture and their Current Situation in Somalia

Orton Hall, Room 110

Sahra Mohamed Ali Samatar, Somali Independent Researcher, Chair

Ahmed Keynan, Somali International Minorities of America: *Who are the Somali Ethnic Minorities? And What Problems do they Face in Somalia?*

Rasheed Farrah, San Diego Unified School District: *Discrimination and Inequalities Faced by Ethnic Minorities in the Somali Diaspora: Is it Based on Race, Color, Ethnicity, or Work? And How to Combat Discrimination against Ethnic Minorities?*

Fadumo Dubet, Somali Women, *their Contribution and Roles in Combating Discrimination against Ethnic Minorities*

Ali Nur, Somali Canadian Independent Researcher: *The Political Situation of Ethnic Minorities in Somalia*

D-6: Media and Message: The Role of Somali Media in Conflict and Reconciliation

Mendenhall Lab, Room 115

Ali N. Mohamed, Grambling State University, Chair

Georgi Kapchits, Independent Scholar, Moscow

Ahmed H. Gure, Hiiraan Online

Ahmed Abdisalam Adam, Manager, Horn Afrik Media: *Somali Media and Conflict Resolution*

Yusuf Garaad Ahmed, Manager, BBC Somali Service

Abdirahman Aynte, Minnesota Monitor: *Somali Websites and their Impact on Somali Literature, Culture, Economy, and Politics*

D-7: Somali Public Health: Reconstruction and Revitalization in the Aftermath of Warfare

Enarson Hall, Room 201

Mohamud Sheikh Ahmed, MD, Riverside Hospital, Chair

Sahra Nur: *Somali Public Health: Reconstruction and Revitalization in the Aftermath of Warfare*

Hodan Said Idan, Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organizations (HSAVO)

Peter Molin and Mohamed Deria: *The Khat Project*

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

E

Saturday, August 18, 2007 · 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

E-1: *The Ethics of Electronic Media*

Orton Hall, Room 110

Said M. Shire Suugaan, Independent Scholar, Chair

Ahmed H. Gure, *Hiiraan Online*

Salim Macow, *Marka Caddey*

Abdikarim Abdiraxmaan H. Hasan, Wardheer News

E-2: *Governance, Civil Society, and Social Conflict I*

Enarson Hall, Room 201

Khadija Ossoble Ali, George Mason University, Chair

Iqbal Jhazbhay, University of South Africa: *Reconciliation, Reconstruction, Religion & Recognition: An Approach towards Understanding Somaliland's Post-War Nation-Building and International Relations 1991-2006*

Ali Abdirahman Hersi, Nairobi, Kenya

Markus V. Hoehne: *In Pursuit of "Happiness" – Somali Lives between Recognition, Escapism*

Faisal Roble: *Discussions and Discourse on Secession, the Case of Somaliland*

E-3: *Islamic Courts Union, the TFG and the Ethiopian Occupation*

Mendenhall Lab, Room 175

Abdulkadir Osman Farah, Aalborg University, Chair

Fadumo Awow, North American Somali Diaspora

Ali Said Faqi, Independent Scholar

Mohamed O. Muse (Beddel): *Road Map to Peace in Somalia*

Mohamud Siad Togane: *The Last Somali Political Card*

E-4: *New Directions in Somali Studies*

Hagerty Hall, Room 180

Said Sh. Samatar, Rutgers University, Chair

Mohamed Hagi Mukhtar, Savannah State University

Mohamed Nuh Ali, Carleton University

Lee Cassanelli, University of Pennsylvania: *What Happened to Somali History? The Uses of the Past in Contemporary Somalia*

Ahmed I. Samatar, Macalester College: *Somali Studies: Toward an Emancipatory Human Science?*

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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Saturday, August 18, 2007 · 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

E-5: *Global Security, Islam and Somali Society in the 21st Century*

Page Hall, Room 10

Dave Kraybill, The Ohio State University, Chair

Hamdi Mohamed, Ottawa Community Immigrant Services: *(Re) Negotiating Religion and Space: Somali Women's Experiences with Islam and Tradition in the Diaspora*

Hassan Nur: *The Horn of Africa: Regional Security Crisis and the Possibility of a Security Framework*

Abdirahman A. Baadiyow, Mogadishu University: *Reconciling State and Society in Somalia*

Abukar Arman: *The Future Role of Political Islam in Somalia*

E-6: *Center for Research and Dialogue (CRD): Overcoming Conflict and Promoting Peace in Somalia*

Page Hall, Room 20

Steve Howard, Ohio University, Chair

Jibril Ibrahim Abdulle, CRD Director

Hassan Sheikh Mohamoud, CRD Research coordinator and Director of Programs

Mariam Mohamoud Hagi, CRD Senior Researcher

E-7: *The Ethiopian Intervention of Somalia: Social and Political Implications for the Somali State*

Page Hall, Room 60

Abdirahman Sh. Isse, Chair

Mohamud Jama: *A Roadmap for Comprehensive Somali Political Settlement: Agenda and Strategies*

Omar Alasow: *The Current Ethiopian Intervention*

Abdulkadir Aden Abdulle, Independent Scholar

E-8: *Historical and Contemporary Social and Gender Identities*

Hagerty Hall, Room 62

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